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SUBJECT: PROSPECTS FOR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ON IRMAK GOVERNMENT

1. AS OF AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 22, IRMAK CABINET WORKING GROUP
PREPARING NEW GOVERNMENT'S DRAFT PROGRAM HAD COMPLETED ITS
JOB AND FULL CABINET WILL BE DISCUSSING DOCUMENT DURING REMAINDER
OF DAY AND ON NOVEMBER 23. FINALLY APPROVED PROGRAM SCHEDULED
TO BE READ FIRST IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THEN IN SENATE IN
AFTERNOON SESSIONS NOVEMBER 24.

2. AS KEY WEEK LEADING UP TO VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ON IRMAK
CABINET APPROACHES, COMMON FACTOR IN ALL CIRCLES WE HAVE
CONTACTED IS UNCERTAINTY ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN. AS ONE
SENATOR TOLD EMBOFF NOVEMBER 22, "THERE ARE MANY GUESSES,
BUT NO REAL PREDICTIONS. ANYONE WHO MAKES A FLAT PREDICTION
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IS A FOOL."

3. ALTHOUGH MUCH OF THE TIME OF THE GOVERNMENT'S MOST SENIOR
OFFICIALS DURING PAST FEW DAYS HAS BEEN TAKEN UP WITH FOREIGN
AFFAIRS (CYPRUS), THE OUTCOME OF THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IS LIKELY
TO BE BASED ON HOW IRMAK CABINET'S PROGRAM HANDLES PURELY
INTERNAL POLITICAL ISSUES OF MOST CONCERN TO PARTIES, I.E.,
POSSIBLE CALL FOR EARLY ELECTIONS, POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE ELECTION
LAW AND HOW THE GOVERNMENT APPARATUS WILL BE ORGANIZED FOR THE
FORTHCOMING ESSENTIAL PROCESS OF PREPARING A NEW BUDGET FOR
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MARCH 1, 1975.

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